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Department of Natural Resources  
Olympic Region  
Attn: Mr. Gordon Gibbs  
411 Tillicum Lane  
Forks, WA 98331

Re: Mats Mats Quarry Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission, Inc. (LMC) is the incorporated homeowners' association representing the interests of 1073 property owners in the North Bay area of Port Ludlow.

It has come to our attention that the Traffic Safety section (Appendix V - Transportation Analysis) of the Mats Mats Quarry Operation Environmental Impact Statement Draft considered only traffic impacts between the quarry and the Port Ludlow Fire Hall at the intersection of Olympus Blvd. and Oak Bay Road.

I would respectfully direct your attention to the fact the Oak Bay Road is the major transportation route through Port Ludlow, serving approximately 600 residences, with eight roads intersecting with Oak Bay Road. In addition, it is the sole access to and from our clubhouse facilities and the Resort at Ludlow Bay, including restaurants, marina and condominiums. The entrance to these facilities is approximately one-half mile south of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall.

Port Ludlow is experiencing significant development and growth, both commercial and residential. Irrespective of quarry truck traffic volume, the anticipated increase of both local and visitor traffic certainly justifies a study of quarry traffic impact along all of Oak Bay Road through the North Bay area of Port Ludlow.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Wright, President  
LMC Board of Trustees

## Response to Letter 6

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1. Comment acknowledged. The EIS traffic study area (i.e. roadways and intersections to be analyzed) was originally set by Jefferson County, and then approved by the Department of Natural Resources. The *Proposed Action* would not add new traffic to area roadways, but would continue the same amount of quarry-related traffic until approximately 2023.

The traffic volumes associated with the existing and future operations of the quarry are relatively low, as discussed in the *Transportation* section of the Draft and Final EIS. Recent traffic volume data for Oak Bay Road (Rick Montgomery, Jefferson County Public Works) shows total average daily volumes on Oak Bay Road just south of Olympus Boulevard at 3,495 per day. On a typically busy day, the Mats Mats quarry would generate 30 truck trips per day. If all of the quarry trucks traveled to and from the south on Oak Bay Road (approximately 50 percent currently do), the truck traffic would represent less than 1 percent of daily traffic on Oak Bay Road.

The traffic study did consider growth in background traffic at about 1.15 percent per year (in fact, traffic does not increase at a steady rate in the area, with Year 2000 volumes lower than 1997 volumes). Traffic added from other proposed developments, postdating the quarry, would be subject to separate SEPA review and mitigation.